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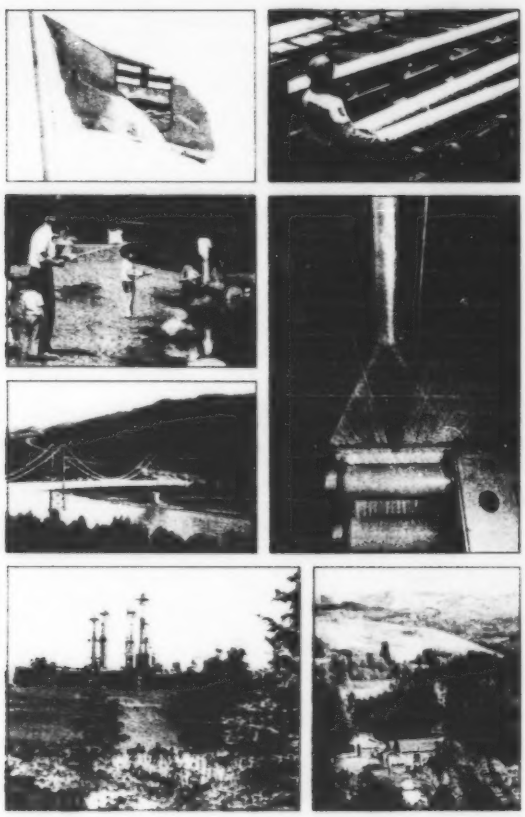

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THE GOVERNMENT

Lieutenant-Governor: Honourable Helen Hunley
Premier: Honourable Don R. Getty

Alberta became a province of Canada in 1905. Legislative authority is granted to the Legislative Assembly which currently has 83 elected members. The Lieutenant-Governor and the Assembly make up the Legislature – the body responsible for making laws in the province. The present government is formed by the Progressive Conservative Party led by Hon. Don R. Getty.

Standings according to parties are:

Progressive Conservative	59
New Democrat (Official Opposition)	16
Liberal	8

Government Finance – 1989/90 (e)

	($ Millions)
Budgetary Revenue	10,181
Budgetary Expenditure	11,674
Budgetary Deficit	1,493

THE PEOPLE

Population – June 1

	1987	1988	1989
Alberta	2,377,700	2,395,200	2,429,200
Annual Growth Rate (%)	0.1	0.7	1.4

In 1989, the population density was 3.7 persons per square kilometre. Just over 9% of Canada's population resides in Alberta.

Population by Broad Age Groups – June 1, 1989

Age	Male	Female	Total
0 - 14	294,300	278,600	573,000
15 - 44	621,000	607,800	1,228,700
45 - 64	209,200	204,000	413,200
65 & Over	93,000	121,300	214,300
TOTAL	1,217,500	1,211,700	2,429,200

Urban & Rural Distribution of Population (%)

	1981	1986
Urban	77.2	79.4
Rural	22.8	20.6
	100.0	100.0

Population of Alberta Cities – June 30

	1983	1988
Airdrie	10,431	10,957
Calgary (Proper)	620,692	657,118
Camrose	12,809	12,968
Drumheller	6,671	6,366
Edmonton (Proper)	560,085	576,249
Fort McMurray	34,494	34,949
Fort Saskatchewan	12,474	11,983
Grande Prairie	24,076	26,648
Leduc	12,471	13,126
Lethbridge	58,086	60,610
Lloydminster (Alta. portion)	9,197	10,201
Medicine Hat	41,167	42,290
Red Deer	50,257	54,839
Spruce Grove	11,307	11,918
St. Albert	35,032	38,318
Wetaskiwin	10,022	10,103

Families by Type (No.)

	1981	1986
Husband-Wife	508,715	543,465
Lone-Parent	56,920	72,860
TOTAL	565,635	616,320
Average No. of Children Per Family	1.4	1.3
Average No. of Persons Per Family	3.3	3.2

Vital Statistics – 1988

	No.	Rate*
Births	42,340	17.7
Deaths	13,970	5.8
Marriages	19,270	8.0

* Per 1,000 Population

COMMUNICATION

	1989
Telephone Subscriber Lines in Service	1,313,077
TV Broadcasting Stations	121
A.M. & F.M. Radio Broadcasting Stations	160
Daily Newspapers	9
Weekly Newspapers	192

HEALTH & EDUCATION

Health Care Facilities – 1988

	No.
Public General Hospitals	123
Federal General Hospitals	2
Mental Health Hospitals	2
Auxiliary Hospitals	46
Nursing Homes	91

Educational Institutions – 1987/88

	No.	Full-Time Enrolment
Public & Separate Schools (Grades 1-12)	1,531	427,500
Private Schools	163	13,435
Public Colleges	11	18,560
Technical Institutes	3	12,110
Universities	5	55,785
Vocational Centres	4	15,837
Specialized Schools	2	752
Private Colleges	4	1,856
Hospital-Based Schools of Nursing	6	1,525

Graduates by Level – 1987/88

	No.
Secondary Schools	25,989
Public Colleges	4,323
Technical Institutes	4,640
Hospital-Based Schools of Nursing	453
Bachelor's & First Professional Degrees	8,230
University Certificates & Diplomas	319
Master's Degrees	1,133
Doctorates	255

TRANSPORTATION

Major Airlines

Currently served by Canadian Airlines International, Air Canada, Wardair, Northwest Airlines, Delta Airlines, America West, United Airlines, KLM Airlines and Northwest Territorial Airways. These airlines serve major Alberta cities, providing regularly scheduled flights to points in Canada, U.S.A., Mexico, Europe, Asia and Australia.

Railways – 1989

The two main railway systems, Canadian Pacific Railway and Canadian National Railway, have a total trackage of 9,459 kilometres. Bulk commodities moved include wheat and other grains, coal, sulphur, petrochemicals and timber products.

Highways and Roads – 1989

There are currentiy 153,799 kilometres of highways and roads, of which 20,155 are paved and 108,756 are gravelled.

Motor Vehicle Registrations – 1989

	No.
Passenger Vehicles	1,385,371
Other	459,594
TOTAL	1,844,965

TOURISM

Tourism Receipts ($ Millions) (e)

	1983	1988(p)
Alberta Travellers	588	1,168
Other Canadian Travellers	652	646
U.S.A. Travellers	210	365
Overseas Travellers	83	199
TOTAL	1,533	2,379

Parks System – 1989

The five national parks in Alberta total 49,319 square kilometres, the largest area of any province in Canada.

	Sq. Km.
Banff	6,641
Elk Island	194
Jasper	10,878
Waterton Lakes	526
Wood Buffalo	31,080
There are also:	
61 Provincial Parks	1,264
128 Provincial Recreation Areas*	152
11 Ecological Reserves	214
4 Wilderness Areas**	5,604
112 Natural Areas	303

* Includes 80 areas in Kananaskis

** Includes Willmore Wilderness Park

Passenger Counts for National Parks – 1988

	No.
Banff (East Gate)	4,868,335
Banff (David Thompson)	204,640
Elk Island	371,430
Jasper	2,292,359
Waterton Lakes	587,859
TOTAL	8,324,623

Dwelling Starts, All Areas (No.)

	1986	1987	1988
Single-Detached	7,146	9,495	9,671
Other	1,316	1,295	1,689
TOTAL	8,462	10,790	11,360

Construction Work Purchased ($ Millions)

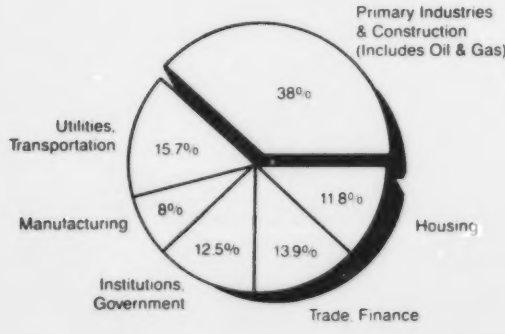
	1987	1988(p)	1989(i)
Building Construction	4,575	4,891	4,961
Residential	1,960	2,294	2,486
Industrial	199	264	272
Commercial	1,550	1,469	1,270
Institutional	535	518	554
Other Building	331	347	378
Engineering Construction	5,915	7,045	7,042
TOTAL	10,490	11,937	12,003

Private and Public Investment

		Per Capita ($)	
	($ Millions)	Alberta	Canada
1987	16,781	7,058	5,472
1988(p)	19,393	8,097	6,005
1989(i)	20,323	8,366	6,521

In 1988, Alberta accounted for over 12% of total investment in Canada.

Distribution of Investment by Industry – 1988



Farm Cash Receipts ($ Millions)

	1983	1988
Total Crops	1,932	1,626
Wheat (Including Durum Wheat)	869	619
Barley	384	246
Canola	330	442
Other	349	319
Total Livestock & Products	1,678	2,061
Cattle & Calves	1,125	1,395
Hogs	202	248
Dairy Products	197	238
Other	154	180
Total Direct Payments	141	748
TOTAL	3,751	4,435

Manufacturing Shipments by Industry ($ Millions)

	1983	1988
Food & Beverages	3,536	4,547
Chemicals & Chemical Products	1,748	3,258
Petroleum & Coal Products	4,033	2,713
Primary Metals	562	1,197
Fabricated Metal Products	683	974
Wood	502	714
Printing, Publishing & Allied	491	724
Non-Metallic Mineral Products	567	571
Paper & Allied Products	381	588
Furniture & Fixtures	104	162
Other	1,249	2,476
TOTAL	13,854	17,925

Value of Mineral Production – 1988(p)

	($ Millions)	(%)
Petroleum Crude	7,724	51.8
Natural Gas	4,415	29.6
Natural Gas By-Products	1,559	10.5
Coal	456	3.1
Sulphur (Elemental)	421	2.8
Sand & Gravel	134	0.9
Cement	127	0.9
Other	71	0.5
TOTAL	14,906	100.0

THE ECONOMY

Gross Domestic Product ($ Millions)

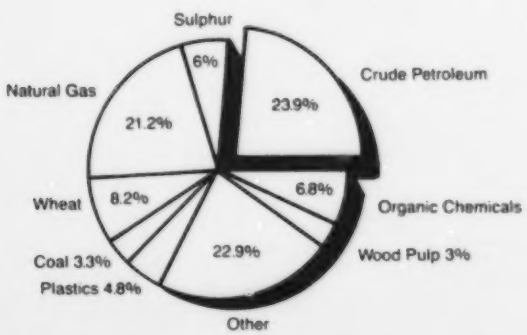
	1986	1987	1988(p)
At Market Prices	56,278	58,818	62,610
Annual Growth Rate (%)	– 10.5	4.5	6.4
In Constant (1981) Dollars	51,575	53,256	57,868
Annual Growth Rate (%)	1.0	3.3	8.7
By Industry At Factor Cost:			
Agriculture	2,303	2,144	2,750
Forestry & Related (1)	578	653	712
Mining	9,177	10,580	9,873
Manufacturing	3,846	4,178	4,620
Construction	2,761	3,014	3,406
Transportation	4,142	4,334	4,650
Utilities	1,960	1,998	2,241
Trade	5,059	5,211	5,771
Finance	11,768	11,294	12,113
Community, Business & Personal Services	10,270	10,962	11,730
Public Administration	3,321	3,446	3,544
GDP AT FACTOR COST	55,183	57,813	61,411

(1) Values for wood and paper & allied industries are included in Forestry rather than Manufacturing.

Exports – 1988

Alberta exports were valued at $13 billion in 1988, an increase of 10.8% over 1987. The largest export markets were U.S.A., Japan, People's Republic of China, South Korea, U.S.S.R., Morocco, Taiwan and Australia. These eight nations accounted for 90% of Alberta's exports to other countries.

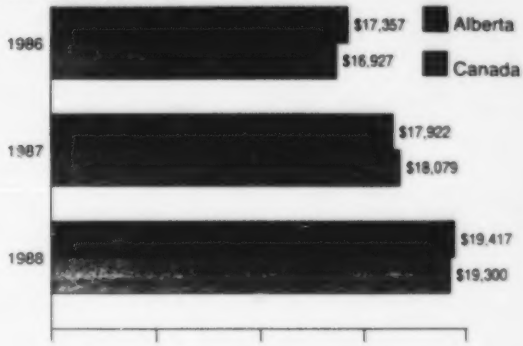
Distribution of Major Export Commodities – 1988



Personal Income

	1986	1987	1988(p)
Total ($ Millions)	41,222	42,655	46,563

Per Capita (Dollars)



Labour Force Activity ('000)

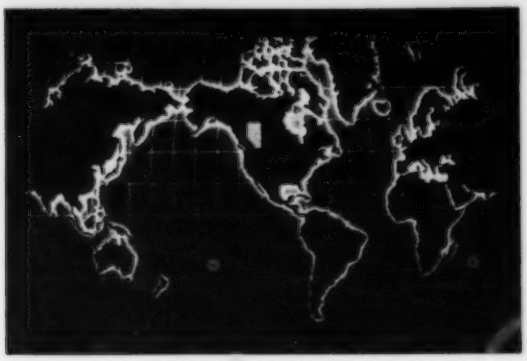
	1983	1988
Labour Force	1,233	1,290
Employed	1,102	1,187
Unemployed	131	103
Unemployment Rate (%)	10.6	8.0
Participation Rate (%)	71.4	72.4
Employment/Population Ratio (%)	63.9	66.6

Retail Trade

		Per Capita ($)	
	($ Millions)	Alberta	Canada
1986	14,338	6,037	5,522
1987	14,855	6,248	6,001
1988	15,954	6,661	6,375

Retail Trade by Kind of Business – 1988

	($ Millions)	(%)
Automotive	5,104	32.0
Food Stores	3,259	20.4
Department Stores	1,470	9.2
General Merchandise	987	6.2
Clothing Stores	817	5.1
Household Furniture/Appliances	408	2.6
Other	3,909	24.5
TOTAL	15,954	100.0



THE LAND

Alberta is the fourth largest province in Canada. Its area covers 661,185 square kilometres, of which 97% is land. The remainder is made up of several large bodies of water and numerous smaller lakes, rivers and streams. The general geographic areas are prairies, parkland (mixed forests and plains), forests and the mountain region.

Climate

The province is characterized by low humidity and considerable variation between areas and seasons. July average temperatures for most areas are between 15°C and 20°C; the mean temperature in January ranges from −8°C to −26°C. Alberta receives more hours of sunshine than any other province in Canada.

p – Preliminary
i – Intentions
e – Estimate
No. – Number

Components may not add to totals due to rounding.

NOTE: Compiled from a variety of sources, all statistics are current as of August, 1989.

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